

WRTAC
July 8, 2011
St. Patrick Hospital

Called to order at 1150 by Dr. Raiser

Introductions made

Previous minutes approved

SQI Presentation

Dr. Suess from Community Medical Center presented one case

Teenage male hit in head when a skeet shooting arm discharged. He was brought in by POV vomited in vehicle VSS GCS 14. Grand mal seizure shortly after arrival. Depressed skull fracture open. Transferred to Sacred Heart Neurosurgery. No trauma activation, one hour ED dwell time.

Dr. Raiser from St. James hospital presented two cases.

Elderly male unrestrained driver who fell asleep involved in a single vehicle rollover. Patient has a history of A-fib and stroke, he was on Coumadin. GCS 15. He was unable to feel his legs and his neck bent to right. Bp 80's systolic. Dopamine started INR elevated Vit K and FFP given. C5-C6 fracture dislocation neurologic compromise went to rehab day 9.

Elderly female flipped ATV over onto herself, pinned until friends dug her out from under it. LOC of 2 minutes, presented by private vehicle. Significant past medical history, VSS, R chest pain, with right sided rib fractures with flail segment. Small pneumothorax. ICU overnight. Remained stable. Discharged home day 5 off O2.

Neil Heino from Kalispell Regional Medical Center presented one case.

Adult male that was on an ATV that rolled. Pt hit his head and was bleeding from his head and ear. He was combative on scene. Pt was intubated for air transport. He sustained a skull base fracture with extensive intracranial hemorrhage. Rib fractures on right. Pt went to the OR for evacuation, returned to OR one hour later for additional hemorrhage from countercoup injury. Discharged home on day 34 neurologically intact.

John Bleicher from St. Patrick Hospital presented three cases.

Elderly female who was involved in a MCV. She presented by private vehicle. No evidence of trauma to head or face. She had a history of A-fib and HTN, she was on Coumadin and her INR was 3.7. There was no evidence of trauma to her head and she was dc'd home from the ER. The next day the patient was confused and her daughter called EMS. Her GCS was 7 with posturing. In ED her GCS was 6 and she was intubated. Her INR was 2.4. Patient had a subdural hematoma was admitted with comfort care and DNR status. The patient expired a couple of days later.

Adult male fell through his closet door a few days prior to arrival at ED. The patient had significant past medical history. He had a large left sided hemothorax. On day 4 he developed confusion, agitation, hallucinations and aggressive violent behavior. The patient should have possibly been treated more aggressively day 4 through 6. Pt went to VA hospital in Denver and returned three weeks later. Discharged home returned soon after deceased.

Adult male jumped off golf cart and landed on his back. He had a History of ankylosing spondylitis. Pt reported both arms tingling at scene. He was transferred to St. Pats by BLS ground crew. Pt had a fracture at C4 with distraction of the fracture fragments. Pt's status declined 10 minutes out from first facility. He was coded in ambulance and 911 was called for ALS rendezvous. Pt was then intubated and transferred to St. Pats. Pt was asystole for 25 minutes with pulse returning after epi. Pt expired day 2.

New Business:

Old Business:

Airway study update. Ends this month will have report at RMRTS in September.

State Report:

ATLS for 2011

October 14th and 15th Missoula

November 4th and 5th Billings

STCC for 2011

August 10

November 9

New Applications for Trauma Designation

Choteau

Shelby

Forsyth

ACS review

Bozeman

St. James

There are 34 Montana facilities that are designated.

Trauma Systems conference is September 21 in Kalispell.

Rocky Mountain Trauma symposium in Kalispell September 22nd and 23rd

45pr.com registration agenda lodging and scholarship info posted

4 scholarships have been approved per facility or service contact Michelle Schaefer at St. Pats for more information.

Preparedness

BDLS 361

ADLS 132

ABLS

4 courses in MT this past winter and spring with 122 people completing the course.

EMS service managers web ex education 7/21 1830 Level III

8/18 1830 Level IV

System Issues

Pediatric neurosurgery

Bariatric trauma Patients

Air medical activation

Interfacility transfers

Anticoagulated trauma patients

RTACS PI

EMS Trip Reports

Deaths

GCS <9 and not intubated

TEAM Courses

Preventable Mortality Study third study is underway. 448 cases

PI WRTAC 1st Quarter data presented

10 deaths falls the leading cause

Trauma patients without trip report in the medical record

Interfacility transfers with trip reports.

Committee Reports**Education Finance:**

\$4,500 in our account. 750 \$ spent for ATT course in Dillon.

TNCC coming up at Kalispell and Community

Upcoming TNCC at St. Pats Nov 1st and 2nd.

In August Dr. Jerkovich will attend St. Pats Trauma Committee and present a PI trauma talk afterwards.

ENPC Kalispell in October

EMS/Medical Directors:

New format one hour meeting incorporating education.
Trip report discussion on canceled calls.

Injury Prevention:

Missoula's Challenge on preventing drunk drivers

Planned Area Trauma Updates:

Kalispell – working on blood availability to the ER. Full activation have 2 units PRBC upon pts arrival.
RSI times and scene times being looked at.

St. Pat's- New general/trauma surgeon coming

Community- hosting the next WRTAC, new construction. The meeting will be held at Best Western Great Northern.

St. James-Full scale mass casualty in October, decontamination in August. The ACS re-verification visit in June went well. Looking for another general/trauma surgeon. Busy trauma season.

Life Flight – ground rig up and running

Superior – TEAM course

Philipsburg - needing some nurses

Polson – has been pretty busy

Deer Lodge - moves into new facility August 25

Care Flight – PHTLS classes and will do more EMT B refreshers.

Next WRTAC October 7th at Best Western Grant Creek Inn.